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Please add the following paragraph to page 9, between lines 25 and 26:

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As shown in Fig. 18, container 76 has two pairs of substantially parallel flat sidewalls 80a, 80b, 82a, 82b joined together at corner areas. As shown, a height of the first pair 80a, 80b is approximately equal to a height of the second pair 82a, 82b.

Please add the following paragraph to page 9, between lines 21 and 23:

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As seen in the embodiments of Figs. 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16, and their respective cross sections, the sidewalls' outer surfaces are smooth at least in those regions opposite the vertically oriented ribs formed on the sidewall's inner surfaces.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by replacing the indicated claims with the following clean versions. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims, showing insertions, is included in Appendix C. A clean set of the amended claims is attached as Appendix D.

17. (Amended) A large-volume industrial barrel assembly comprising:
a thermoplastic blow molded open-top hollow barrel body including:

a barrel bottom; and

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a substantially cylindrical sidewall connected to the barrel bottom and terminating in an upper rim, the sidewall having an inner surface provided with a plurality of circumferentially spaced-apart, vertically oriented ribs extending substantially along a height of the sidewall, wherein the vertically oriented ribs define thicker wall regions spaced apart by thinner wall regions formed on the inner surface;

a clamping ring; and

a substantially circular cover lid configured to seal the open-top barrel body in conjunction with the clamping ring.